

A RESOLUTION to welcome distinguished Judge Janice Brice-Wellington to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our state is fortunate to have in our midst, Judge Janice Brice-Wellington of Manassas, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, touted as “an accomplished attorney with a passion for the law and compassion for those she judges”, Judge Brice-Wellington presides over the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in Prince William County, Virginia, the first black woman ever appointed to the bench in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Judge Brice-Wellington received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehman College of the City University of New York and her Juris Doctor degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, when she arrived in Prince William County, Judge Brice-Wellington was the county’s only black practicing lawyer; she quickly earned an impressive reputation as both a staunch advocate for the rights of her clients and as an individual committed to making a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the lives of our youths and their families, Judge Brice-Wellington is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer on diversity, domestic violence and juvenile justice issues and has presented lectures and seminars to more than 4,000 judges and other professionals across the United States; and

WHEREAS, she serves the faculty of the National College of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, as Vice-President of the Virginia Council of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judges, as a member of the Virginia State Team on Domestic Violence, the Virginia District

Court System Appeals Panel, the Committee on District Courts, and the Greater Prince William Area Underage Alcohol Task Force; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of professional responsibility, the honorable judge also serves as representative to the “Obstacles II Project” Inter-Organizational Council of the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law and the National Center for State Courts Advisory Committee for “Broadening the Educational Opportunities for Judges and Other Key Court Personnel Project”; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brice-Wellington has been the distinguished recipient of numerous awards and accolades, some of which include the Virginia Association of Black Women Attorneys Judicial Award, the Ebone’ Image Award for Achievement In the Field of Law, the Prince William Commission for Women, Women’s History Month Award, the Dale City Christian Church Afro-American Achievement Award for Public Service, the Black Youth Recognition Conference Award from the United Parents and Youth League, and the Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s Underage Drinking Enforcement Award; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is blessed to have such an accomplished legal professional, exemplary public servant, and true humanitarian as our guest, and as the elected representatives, we wish to welcome Judge Janice Brice-Wellington to Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor Judge Janice Brice-Wellington and welcome her to Tennessee as she comes to address the Chattanooga Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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